

July 14, 1998, Cleanup Progress Briefing Summary

- The July Cleanup Progress Briefing was held on site in the Services Building Conference Room (SBCR) at 6:30 p.m. Over 50 people attended the briefing, including reporters from the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and the *Hamilton Journal News*.
- DOE Public Information Director Gary Stegner asked stakeholders for feedback on locating future briefings on site. Of the 15 people who completed an evaluation form, 10 preferred holding the briefing on site, two preferred an off-site facility, and three didn't care. Due to the supportive comments about holding the meeting on site, the next briefing will also be held in the SBCR.
- Stegner announced that the August Cleanup Progress Briefing has been canceled for a summer recess. The next briefing will be on Tuesday, Sept. 8.
- In addition to the project managers' updates on the cleanup projects:
 - John Trygier, DOE-Fernald project manager for the Facilities Closure and Demolition Projects, showed the Building 32 demolition time-lapse video;
 - Rob Janke, DOE-Fernald project manager for the Soil Characterization and Excavation Project, displayed the project's home page; and,
 - John Sattler, DOE-Fernald Waste Management project manager showed the new video: "*Second Chance: White Metal Box Lessons Learned*." Sattler asked stakeholders for feedback on the video, which will be used to communicate the lessons from the leaking white metal box incident last December to various stakeholder groups. The evaluation results on the video were generally favorable.
- Stakeholders asked several questions about the placement and size of transite panels in the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF). DOE-Fernald OSDF Project Manager Jay Jalovec explained that the maximum length of material, as stated in the Waste Acceptance Criteria, is 10 feet. However, because cutting transite panels poses a potential health hazard, a revision was made to applicable project documents to exclude the size criteria for transite. Fernald estimates that the length of the transite will not exceed 12 feet. One stakeholder's comment on the evaluation form reflects the public's general interest in the subject: "(Fernald) needs to keep OSDF updates regular."
- Fluor Daniel Fernald Vice President Dennis Carr, Soil and Water Projects Division, was the feature presenter on the OSDF Operations. Carr explained the process from soil excavation to placement in the OSDF. Stakeholders provided favorable comments on Carr's presentation.
- Copies of presentation materials and handouts are available in the Public Environmental Information Center, or contact Julie Loerch, Public Affairs, ext. 4071.

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